

Please accept this email as my formal comment in response to the Silvio O. Conte NFWR supplemental Environmental Assessment and revisions to its Hunt/Fish Plan.

I urge you to tighten or maintain restrictions against hunting because I value the rule of law and the use of best available science. As shown in our scientific article - "Adverse effects of hunting with hounds on participants and bystanders." Treves A and Menefee L. 2023. *Biorxiv*, <https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2022.08.16.504031v2> - hounding entails intentional and unintentional lawless behavior and threats for non-target wildlife including endangered species.

thank you
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